(c) the number of State Highways out of them for which Government have agreed to convert them into National Highways; and

(d) by when the remaining highways would be converted into National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted proposals for declaration of seven State Highways into-National Highways as per details given at Statement (See below)

(c) and (d) At present, emphasis is being given by this Ministry for development of roads already declared as National highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways. Hence the Government has not agreed to the conversion of any of these roads as National Highways. The State Government has been informed accordingly.

Statement

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in UP.,

SI. No.	Name of Road/Stretches
1.	Kuravali-Mainpuri-Karhal-Etawah road
2.	Sirsaganj-Karhal-Kishni-Vidhuna-Chobepurroad
3.	Bareilly-Badaaun-Bilsi-Gajraula-Chandpur-Bijnaurroad
4.	Lucknow-Raibareilly-Allahabad road
5.	Jagdishpur-Gauriganj-Amethi-Pratapgarh road
6.	Fatehpur-Raibareilly-Jagdishpur-Faizabadroad
7.	Lumbini Dubhi State Highway

Highways in Punjab and Bihar

†2627.SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the highways in the States of Punjab and Bihar have separate identity;

(b) if so, the total length of highways in both the States;

(c) out of this, the length of highways of six lanes, four lanes and two lanes separately in these States;

(d) whether Government have decided to convert at least two lane highways into four lane highways; and

(e) if so, by when the said work be completed in each of the above said States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of national Highways. Therefore, the information in respect of National Highways only is furnished below:

The total length of National Highways in Punjab is 1557 kms and in Bihar is 3629 kms. Out of these the details of two, four and six lane highways are as under:

State	Six lane	Four lane	Two lane
Punjab	Nil	263.24 km	1230.40 km
Bihar	Nil	150.00 km	1416.00 km

(d) No such decision has been taken. The widening of two lane National highways to four lanes is done in a phased manner depending upon the traffic volume, subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority of works.

(e) In view of the position mentioned at (d) above, it is difficult to mention the time frame, however, the status of 4-laning programmes undertaken so far is given below:

For the State of Punjab, National Highways for a length of 290 kms have been identified for four laning under NHDP phase II (North-South Corridor), out of which 197 kms have already been four laned and remaining lengths is targeted for four laning by December 2008. National Highways

for a length of 153 kms have also been identified for four laning under NHDP phase IIA, which is targeted for completion by December 2009 and 101 kms are to be four laned under NHDP phase NIB for which NHAI has been asked to prepare Detailed Project Report.

For the State of Bihar, National Highways for a length of 717 kms have been identified for four laning under NHDP Phase I (Golden Quadrilateral) and NHDP Phase II (East-west Corridor), which is targeted for four laning by December 2008. The National Highways for length of 890 kms has also been identified for four laning under NHDP phase IMA, which is targeted for four laning by December, 2009.

National Highways in Bihar

2628. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI propose to repair the NH-28 in Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Pipra Kothi and Raxaul;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-maintenance of this road the plying of vehicles has become extremely difficult thereon; and

(c) if so, the steps that are being taken for its immediate repair and proper maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Hajipur and Muzaffarpur are connected by NH-77 and not by NH-28 as mentioned in the question, and this section of NH is being maintained by the National Highway Wing of the Road Construction Department (RCD), Government of Bihar, from the M&R funds placed at the disposal of State Government by the Ministry. An IRQP work in 25 km length has been sanctioned for this road for Rs. 526.69 lakhs in the current year, 2005-06.

The NH-28 connecting Muzaffarpur and Pipra Kothi is part of East-West Corridor. For repair of NH-28 as part of East West Corridor in Bihar, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has sanctioned Rs. 80.00 lakhs for the year 2005-06 and the work is being executed by the State RCD, Government of Bihar.